SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR IRRIGATION.—

A.—(1) The supply of water was regulated by the existing Government Orders. Continuous supply of water was maintained from 16th December 1922 to 31st May 1923. Intermitent supply is given from 1st June 1923.

(2) Ten petitions were received *re* supply of water both directly by the Executive Engineer and also through the Revenue Department.

(3) All petitions received were promptly investigated by the Engineering Department and are reported to have been disposed of.

(4) Government have no information on the subject, but a report will be called for from the Public Works Department and the Revenue Deparment.

MR. ANANTAPADMANABHA TIVARI, HIRIYUR TALUK.—

Q.—4. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) When the Bechirak village of Ganjalagunte in Hiriyur Taluk was included under the Forest Department ?

(2) The amount that has been realised till now on that portion of land in the Forest Department ?

(3) Whether they will restore the lands of the said village for cultivation to the raiyats ?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) 1,357 acres and 19 guntas of arable land assessed at Rs. 218 belonging to the Ganjalagunte village were included in the Gowdanahalli State Forest which was settled in Notification No. R. 15710-3—Ft. 201-10-5, dated 7-th June 1919.

(2) The realisation from this portion of the State Forest is ascertained to be Rs. 1,573.

(3) The question of disafforesting the area which has been urged by the people of the Hiriyur Taluk is now under the consideration of the Government.

MR. B. GOPALACHAR, TIRTHAHALLI TALUK.—

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state the amount at the credit of the Government on account of the Tirthahalli Jubilee scholarships fund, so that this amount may be adjusted as a part of the contribution to be made towards the establishment of the High School sanctioned for Tirthahalli ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—Out of the amount collected on the occasion of the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen Empress, a sum of Rs 3,500 has been invested in 3½ per cent Government of India Loan of 1865, and the balance of Rs. 2,354 was deposited in the Government Savings Bank towards meeting the cost of the Jubilee Building. The balance at present out of the amount deposited in the Savings Bank is only Rs. 311.

The proceeds of the investment in the loan are being utilised for the grant of scholarships to students who pass the Lower Secondary Examination from the Tirthahalli A. V. School and prosecute their studies in any High School of the State. They may, however, be utilised for purposes of awarding scholarships in the school, if the existing A.-V. School is developed into a High School by suitably amending the rules for the award of scholarships. The amount available in the Savings Bank account cannot be diverted for other than building purposes consistently with the object of the original Jubilee Fund Committee.

MESSRS. P. VENKAPPAYYA, A. ANANTHIAH, SHIMOGA TALUK AND B. RUKMAIYA, SHIMOGA TOWN MUNICIPALITY.—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) The reasons for importing officers from outside for the administration of the Railway Department ?

(2) Whether trained officers are not available in the State to occupy such high posts ?

(3) If not available, whether it is not advisable to depute officers of this State, for being trained to occupy such places ?

(4) Whether Mysoreans did not occupy the post of Traffic Manager and other high places in the State?

(5) Whether there is any necessity to employ a highly salaried officer as Secretary and Agent for our Railways?

(6) Whether competent persons were not available to take the place of Mr. Bury?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(1) to (6). This is being done now.

It is the avowed policy of Government to train local officers, and till such time that they are fit to take up positions of responsibility, it is necessary in the interests of service to import officers from outside the State.

MESSRS. SRINIVASA DIKSHIT, SHIMOGA DISTRICT BOARD AND D. VONKARAPPA, SHIKARPUR MUNICIPALITY.—

Q.—7. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether the plans and estimates for the construction of an anicut to the Kumudwati river near Anjanapur in the Shikarpur Taluk so useful and imperative to the needs of the Taluk have been received for sanction of Government?

(2) Whether the order of Government sanctioning the project will be announced in this Assembly, as favourable consideration of the question was promised by the Dewan during his tour in the Shimoga District during January?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR IRRIGATION.—

A.—(1) Yes. They have been returned for certain modifications of design etc., and also information regarding revenue that could be realised, contributions expected, etc. This information has just been obtained from the Revenue Department to arrive at the financial aspect of the scheme.

(2) In view of further modification that was considered necessary from professional standpoint, it is not found feasible to announce sanction in the Assembly. The subject is receiving attention and will be disposed of as early as possible.

MR. C. RASOOL KHAN, ANJUMAN-E-ISLAMIA, CHIKMAGALUR.—

Q.—8. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(2) The income, expenditure and the net profit from the Sandalwood Oil Factory, since it was established? and

(2) The net profit when the wood was being sold in public auction?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) and (2). Sandalwood is an article for sale by Government and what is realised for it is its price, whether it is disposed of as wood or as oil and no question of profit arises. The system of treating one part of the realisation as profit and another as the value of wood was unsatisfactory and has been given up. The revenue realised on account of sandalwood, whether disposed of as wood or as oil, is ascertainable from published accounts under the head "Forest," previous to the opening of the Factories and from the year 1922-23, and under both the heads "Forest" and "Sandal Oil Factories" during the period when the revenue was shown under these heads.

MESSRS. A. VENKATARAMAIYA AND PATEL SHANKARAPPA, TARIKERE TALUK.—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The amount that has till now been expended on Tramway line from Tarikere to Narasimharajapura?

(2) The number of times the works once executed have been revised?

(3) The extra expenditure incurred by such revision?

(4) Whether there is any probability of revising them once more?

(5) How often the bridge work to the Ratawala Halla on this line was executed and the amount of money that has been spent over it?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(1) Rs. 6,53,983.

(2) Improvements to the line have been done in 20 places since the original construction.